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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): N. MIYAMOTO et al
Serial No.: 10/781,746
Filed: February 20, 2004
For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED-CIRCUIT DEVICE AND
METHOD TO SPEED-UP CMOS CIRCUIT
Group: 2819
Examiner: V. TAN

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner For Patents
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September 22, 2005

Sir:

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Tan for his courtesy and helpfulness during telephone interviews conducted on September 20 and September 22, 2005 in the above-identified matter.

During the course of these interviews, Examiner Tan indicated that, upon further review of the September 12, 2005 Amendment and the Prior Art, he had come to the conclusion that claim 16, even as amended, could still read on the cited prior art. On the other hand, Examiner Tan indicated that he regarded the subject matter of claim 17 as distinguishing over the prior art. He also indicated that the subject matter of claim 15 continued to distinguish over the cited prior art based upon the overall combination set forth in claim 15.

Although the applicants remain of the opinion that claim 16, in the form

presented in the September 12, 2005 amendment does, in fact, distinguish over the cited Prior Art, in order to expedite the allowance of the present application, it was agreed during the September 22, 2005 interview that claim 16 would be re-written to incorporate the subject matter of claim 17, with claim 17 then correspondingly be canceled to avoid redundancy. Examiner Tan indicated that he would attend to this matter by way of an Examiner's Amendment. Applicants and the undersigned attorney express their appreciation to Exr. Tan for this indication that he would kindly take care of this matter by way of an Examiner's Amendment.

As noted above, applicants reserve the right to proceed with the subject matter of claim 17, in the form originally presented in the September 12, 2005 Amendment by way of a continuation application.

If the Examiner believes that there are any points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of, either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

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